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Title: Pharmaceutical and Food
Compositions Containing Wood
Alcohols or Wood Sterols Useful for
Lowering Serum Cholesterol (as
amended)

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Madame:

This *Amendment* is in response to the *Office Action* indicated as having been mailed on August 8, 2003. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (New): A method for isolating a mixture of primary alyphatic alcohols from saponifiable matter of tall oil soap, where said method comprises the steps of:

distilling unsaponifiable matter of tall oil soap to produce a distillate;

dissolving said distillate in methanol to form a solution;

cooling down said solution to form a precipitate; and

recovering said precipitate where said precipitate consists essentially of:

1-10 wt. % of 1-octadecanol,